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Title:	METHOD FOR MEASUREMENT USING SULFONIC ACID COMPOUND AND NITRO COMPOUND		

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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were originally cited by the Examiner in co-pending application serial no. 10/521,234. A copy of the Form 892, issued by the Examiner, is enclosed. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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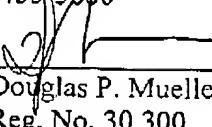
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